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ROMNEY FLOPS

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The 2012 election result upset many AFP readers and pleased others. An eclectic group whose views are not as predictable as both AFP's friends and critics might presume, AFP readers had a mixed — and quite nuanced — view of the Obama-Romney contest.

Obama — a liberal — was, naturally, never popular with many AFP readers who are generally "conservative." Concern that Obama was foreign born — and thus his presidency defied the Constitution — was foremost in many minds.

Those, however,were not the concerns of the average voters, who are not as well-informed as AFP readers. Despite what the major media might suggest, the election was not really an endorsement of Obama but more a rejection of Romney.

The truth is that Romney — a classic "Rockefeller Republican" who tried to sound "conservative" — failed to rally enough white working middle-class voters to his cause in order to prevail over the lopsided minority vote that favored Obama and gave him both the popular and electoral vote edge.

Many middle class white voters were repulsed that Romney made a fortune through what Rick Perry — the conservative Christian GOP governor of Texas — correctly described as "vulture capitalism," referring to Romney's "outsourcing" of American workers' jobs abroad. Americans like good, solid business success stories, but they reject predatory plutocrats who harm American workers. And that's how many voters perceived Romney.

In addition, after two foolish no-win Middle East wars (orchestrated by the last GOP president) that have bankrupted the United States, many voters — who think America should look out for America first — repudiated Romney as a bellicose internationalist eager to engage in war against Iran.

Despite the rhetoric, there was little difference between Obama and Romney, even on "social" issues where — theoretically — they parted company. For example, even as pro-life Christians rallied for Romney, his surrogate, ex-Sen. Norm Coleman (R-Minn.), assured Jewish voters Romney would do nothing to overturn legalized abortion.

Had the GOP abandoned the standard "me too" game that the Republicans play every four years and nominated a candidate who could have offered middle class voters a real choice — namely Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas)—Obama would be getting ready to leave the White House on January 20.

Fed up with the GOP's antics, many Republicans — and AFP readers — chose not to vote, or they voted for "third" party candidates such as the Third Position's Merlin Miller, Libertarian Gary Johnson, the Constitution Party's Virgil Goode or Green Party nominee Jill Stein — among others.

AFP encourages efforts challenging the two party monopoly, angering some readers who view any GOP candidate as superior to any Democrat. Other AFP readers reject the process and believe every election is "fixed" through computerized vote fraud. Many of those cynics hope for a Second American Revolution — and they may be the most realistic reformers of them all.

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